

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-3  
SUBJECT: NORMALIZATION OF SPAIN'S RELATIONS WITH  
ISRAEL

REF: (A) STATE 82964 (B) MADRID 2907

1. WITH ALLON STILL IN EUROPE (SEEING DE GUIRINGUAD IN PARIS, AFTER THE AMSTERDAM SOCIALIST POW-WOW), I CONVEYED SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL TO AVINERI TODAY. WHILE NOT SURPRISED, IT WAS CLEAR THAT HE THOUGHT THE SPANISH ARGUMENTATION DISINGENUOUS AT BEST. THE OCCUPATION-OF-TERRITORY ARGUMENT DID NOT SEEM TO INHIBIT SPAIN WHEN IT WISHED TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH THE USSR, HE COMMENTED WRYLY. ISRAEL WAS NOT ASKING SPAIN TO ACCEPT ALL ITS POLICIES; THIS WAS NOT A NORMAL PRE-REQUISITE FOR RECOGNITION.

2. AVINERI NOTED THAT THE SPANISH PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE VISITING WASHINGTON THIS MONTH. THE GOI WOULD APPRECIATE OUR RAISING ITS CONCERNS WITH HIM BECAUSE THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN MADRID SEEMED TO BE LOCKED INTO ITS PRO-ARAB POSITION. PERHAPS WE COULD POINT OUT TO PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ THAT THERE IS STILL ONE "BLIND SPOT" IN REGARD TO SPAIN'S LIBERALIZING

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TENDENCIES: ITS FAILURE TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL. THIS WOULD NOT GO UNNOTICED, HE THOUGHT, BY THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WITH WHICH SPAIN WAS SEEKING CLOSER ASSOCIATION. IT MAY BE THAT THE DECISION LAST WEEK BY PORTUGAL TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL WILL MAKE IT EASIER FOR SPAIN TO DO THE SAME.

3. COMMENT: AVINERI ASKED THAT I EXPRESS THE GOI'S  
THANKS TO THE SECRETARY FOR CARRYING THROUGH ON THIS  
ISSUE. HE HIMSELF WILL BE IN WASHINGTON IN  
A WEEK AND MAY WELL PRESS FURTHER ON IT.  
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